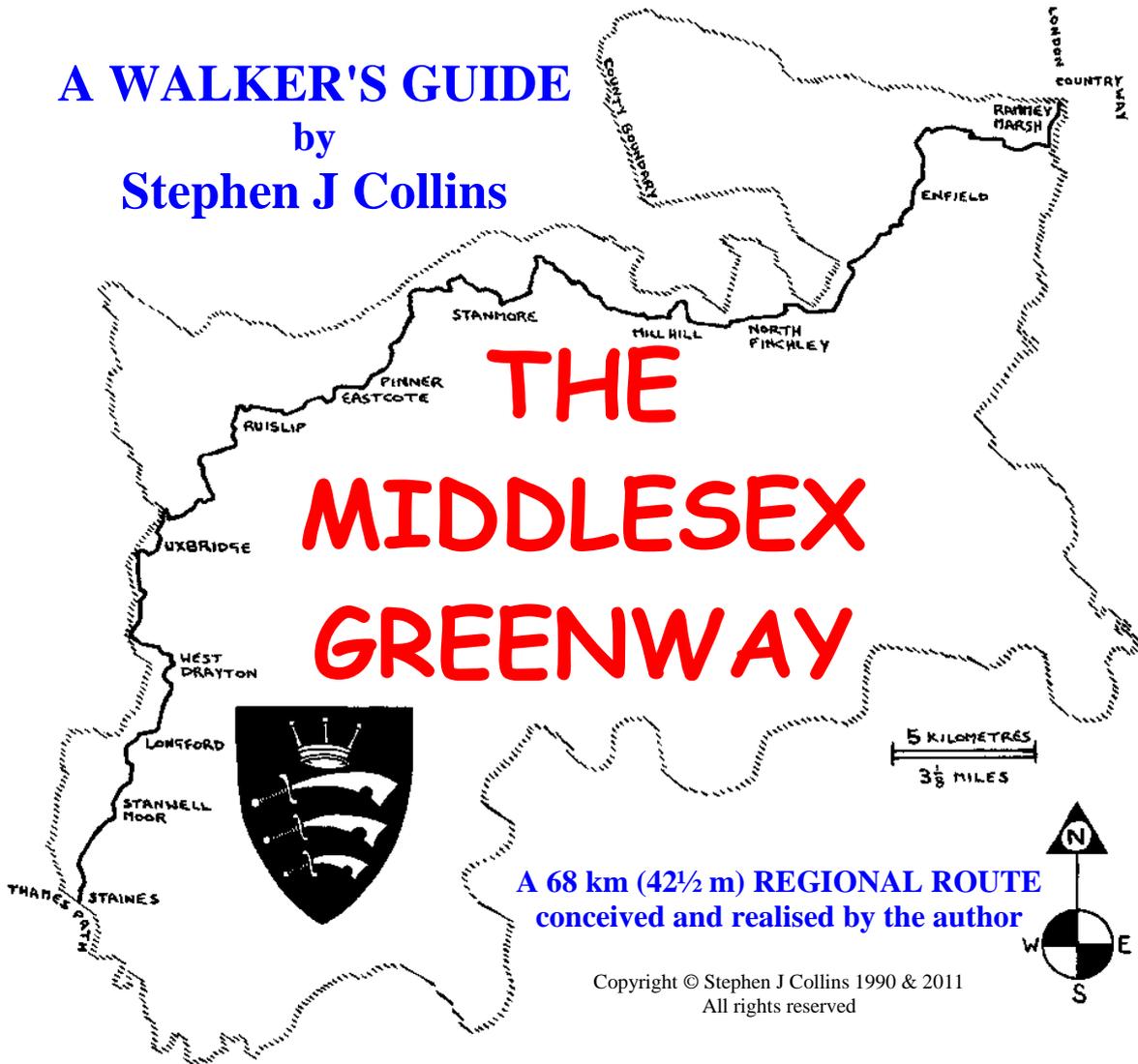


**A WALKER'S GUIDE**

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*The Middlesex Greenway*

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# Introduction

Middlesex is a misunderstood County; thought, by many, to be extinct. But nothing could be further from the truth. The County of Middlesex is as real today as ever it has been since it was first recorded in 704 AD.

The territorial County of Middlesex covers an area of approximately 716 square kilometres (280 square miles) separated from :-

- Essex (in the east) by the River Lea,
- Surrey (in the south) by the River Thames,
- Buckinghamshire (in the west) mainly by the River Colne, and
- Hertfordshire (in the north) by nothing in particular along an erratic line.

Its topography is that of a section of the north side of the Thames Valley with modest hills, rising to 150m (500') above sea level, along its northern edge.

But the Middlesex of today is fast being swallowed up in the urban sprawl that is London. Successive administrative boundary changes have served to bury the territorial County's identity until, today, very few people realise that it still exists. But it most certainly does; as *The Friends of The County of Middlesex* and the *Middlesex Society* will readily confirm.

The *Middlesex Greenway* was, therefore, conceived as a *Regional Route* (in *Countryside Commission* parlance) internal to the territorial County and traversing a significant portion of it by a predominantly rural route both in order to heighten public awareness of the County's status and, by its mere existence, hopefully help underpin the beleaguered security of its *Green Belt*.

## About the Greenway

The *Middlesex Greenway* is a walk with a sense of purpose and direction. Its start and end points were chosen to be as far apart as possible within the County and, at the same time, link neatly into the existing network of long-distance paths. Staines bridge, in the SW corner, is on the route of *The Thames Path*. Rammey Marsh, beside the River Lee Navigation in the NE corner, is less than a kilometre (half a mile) from *The London Countryway's* nearest approach to the County. The route also coincides with and meets several recreational paths between these two extremes.

The route itself follows that ribbon of rurality on the outer fringes of, though sometimes having to dip into, suburbia. But nowhere is the battle to escape the pavement so unequal as where that tongue of Hertfordshire, containing Barnet, presses in towards the city. Here, urban parkland is exploited to the full in order to maintain its scenic quality; even at the risk of obliging wayfarers to seek alternative (road) routes during periods of gate closure (say at night).

Some significant open spaces (e.g. Enfield Chase) have, sadly, had to be omitted because they are either pathless or such paths as they contain cross the County boundary.

# Walking the Greenway

Wayfarers may choose to cover the entire 68.3 kilometres (42.7 miles) of the *Middlesex Greenway* in one continuous expedition of 3 or 4 days (say over a Bank Holiday weekend) or tackle it, in stages, over a number of weekends; leaving more time to stop and stare. Strong walkers should resist the temptation to rush it because it is emphatically not intended to be a *Challenge Route*.

As may be expected of a route so close to the capital, it is well served by public transport (bus, tube and train); making it easy to break the walk to suit personal circumstances and compensating for the paucity of accommodation in this area much neglected by tourists. Brief public transport details will be found on page 13. Timetable information has been deliberately omitted because of the likelihood of change; much better to check through one of the contacts in the following section before setting out.

This guide is not intended for use in the field; where one of the following sets of Ordnance Survey maps would be far more suitable; with the route, and any other relevant information, transferred from the strip maps and route description :-

**1:50,000 Landranger series**

sheet 176 (West London area)  
sheet 166 (Luton & Hertford)

**1:25,000 Pathfinder series**

sheet TQ 07/17 (Staines and Richmond)  
sheet TQ 08/18 (Hillingdon and Wembley)  
sheet TQ 09/19 (Watford and Rickmansworth)  
sheet TQ 29/39 (Enfield and Barnet)  
sheet TL 20/30 (Hatfield and Cheshunt)

If there is one place where traditional walking gear (daysacks included) will raise eyebrows and invite unkind remarks it is along this route. If you are *thin skinned*, therefore, be advised to travel light. There are plenty of refreshment stops and shops en route to cater for the inner person (you'll find every [thus not necessarily recommended] cafe and public house I've found adjacent to the route marked on the strip map). But sensible footwear is a must for some paths have the potential for becoming quite muddy after spells of wet weather. It would also be wise to go clad suitably to fend off the sometimes exuberant vegetation (not least nettles and brambles).

## The Country Code

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work  
Guard against all risk of fire  
Fasten all gates  
Keep dogs under close control  
Keep to public paths across farmland  
Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls  
Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone  
Take your litter home  
Help to keep all water clean  
Protect wildlife, wild plants and trees  
Take special care on country roads  
Make no unnecessary noise

# Route description

Please begin by transferring the route from the strip map (at the end of this section) to the appropriate Ordnance Survey maps (refer to previous page for list). The OS maps do not show some of the paths used; in which case, the following text should help. Many path, street and road names are taken from the *A-Z Master Atlas of Greater London* [1].

The following description is, of necessity, rather sketchy but I hope you will find it sufficient. Simple numbers between square brackets (e.g. "[1]" above) refer to publications in the further reading list on the back page (16). Standard directional acronyms<sup>2</sup> have been used to assist speed-reading along with emboldening of **key text**.

## Staines to Harmondsworth – 7.7 kilometres (4.8 miles)

- Start on County boundary at centre of Staines bridge (A308)
  - ❖ FTR, the County boundary here runs along the centre of the river
  - ❖ *The Thames Path* [2] crosses this bridge in switching from the **L/N** (Middlesex) to the **R/S** (Surrey) bank of the river on its way upstream
- **Go N** along *Bridge Street* into *Wraysbury Road*
- Immediately beyond *Hale Street* (**R**) is the triangular yard of the old branch-line station
- **Cross footbridge** in far **R** corner to emerge in *Mustard Mill Road*
- **Turn N** and **pick up path** to *Staines Moor* where road bends **R**
- **Cross railway** (level-crossing) and **Staines By-Pass** (A30) (tunnel)
  - ❖ *The new Colne Valley Way* joins our route through the A30 tunnel from the **L**
- **Cross River Colne** (footbridge) on *Staines Moor*
  - ❖ Look out for dragonflies at *Bone Head*
- **Meet and follow paved path** around NW corner of *King George VI Reservoir* into *Stanwell Moor* village
  - ❖ *The Colne Valley Way* goes its own way from the end of this path – initially **N**, whereas we ...
- **Turn E** along *Hithermoor Road* and follow it **N** to *T-junction*
- **Turn NW** along main *Horton Road* and follow it round bend to fork
  - ❖ Recommended digression – fork **L** 250m to see *Mill House*
- **Fork R** into *Spout Lane* and **cross Airport Way** (A3113) (tunnel) into *Spout Lane North*
- **Bear L** into *Bedfont Court* at post-box (missing signpost finger)
- **Take path on R** to emerge on *Stanwell Moor Road* (A3044)
  - ❖ If coming **S**, look for path **R** of tomato glasshouses just beyond *Hillingdon Borough* boundary sign (missing footpath sign)
- **Turn N** to Longford Circus
  - ❖ The view **E** here is dominated by *Heathrow Airport's* controversial T5; the construction of which was only allowed by the Government inspector providing BAA sought no further expansion (e.g. R3 + T6 !) and entailed the removal of *Perry Oaks* sewage works (which considerably predated the airport)
  - ❖ Look out for herons over the *Duke of Northumberland's River*
- **Turn R** along *Bath Road* (over *King's Bridge*) to pass through village of *Longford* [3].
- **Turn L** (**N**) along path (opposite *Centre Airport Hotel*)
- **Cross Colnbrook By-Pass** (A4) to another path between high fences (Government detention centre on **L**) to *Harmondsworth Memorial Recreation Ground*
- **Cross to opposite corner** of recreation ground to emerge in *Summerhouse Lane*
- **Go N** to Harmondsworth *High Street* [3]

Total distance 7.7 kilometres (4.8 miles)

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<sup>2</sup> Alphabetically: **E** = east, **L** = left, **N** = north, **R** = right, **S** = south and **W** = west (compass points sometimes combined in usual fashion)

## Harmondsworth to Uxbridge – 8.3 kilometres (5.2 miles)

- Start in Harmondsworth High Street [3]
  - ❖ Recommended digression – 30m (100') L of churchyard gateway to see the late mediaeval *Manor Farm Barn*. At 12 bays long it is the largest surviving tithe barn in the County and 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the country. Now privately owned and criminally neglected by investors foolhardily banking on BAA gaining permission for R3+T6, it is not open to visitors except when leased for a public function
- **Take path N** through churchyard to cross M4 (footbridge)
  - ❖ Notice the plain raised slab of Richard Cox's grave on the **L** just beyond the corner of the church. It was Richard Cox, of course, who created the now-ubiquitous *Cox's Orange Pippin* apple in 1825
- **Go E**, between motorway fence and houses, to gap with path leading **N** across *The Brambles* and *Rowan Road*
- **Go N**, converging with *Laurel Lane*, to enter *The Closes* recreation ground
- **Turn L**, at junction of paths, to enter *The Green* via *Courting Alley*
- **Traverse the length of The Green** to cross *Church Road*
- **Follow Swan Road N** to *Station Road* (A408)
- **Turn L** to pass under railway
  - ❖ Immediately **N** of the railway viaduct is a film location used in *Genevieve* (1953) for the short-lived cessation of hostilities *en route* back from Brighton. The *De Burgh Arms* (on your **R**) featured as the hotel on the front steps of which they ate their ice cream
  - ❖ Also, to quote Alan Trevennor's filming locations web article (*A strange way to get to Brighton!*), "*The railway is the London to Bristol line (the old Great Western Railway). There is a bridge that goes under the railway at this point and it is visible at various points in the sequence. A far larger concrete under bridge replaced this, sometime in the 1970s, and the road was scooped out underneath the bridge to allow higher vehicles to pass under it. This has changed the road width and the heights of various elements in the scene (like road slopes and pitch etc) and made it almost impossible to replicate photo angles.*"
- **Turn immediately L** (opposite *West Drayton* BR station) and **follow Tavistock Road** to T-junction with *Trout Road*
- **Turn L** and **go W** along *Trout Lane* (bridleway)
  - ❖ We're now joined by the new *Beeches Way* on its way from the *Grand Union Canal*
- **Cross Slough arm of Grand Union Canal** (bridge), join *Iver Circular Walk* [4] and **continue** to emerge by ford at end of *Packet Boat Lane*
- Approach footbridge but **go straight on** past it along path (between *River Colne* and *Little Britain Lake*) to emerge in *Old Mill Lane*
- **Turn N** past *Old Mill House* to T-junction with *Iver Lane* (B470)
  - ❖ The ruined mill is private property but can be reasonably seen from the riverside ~10m (~11 yds) **N** of the entrance.
  - ❖ On your **L**, at the T-junction, note the miniature wall-top fence and gate assembled from welded ironmongery
  - ❖ Recommended digression – turn **L** 100m (110 yds) to see the old *City of London* coal tax post [5]. Following the *Great Fire of London* (1666), tax was levied on coal imported into the capital to defray reconstruction costs
- **Turn R** to *Iver Lane* bridge (# 188) just **N** of *Cowley Lock* conservation area
- **Join LBH Canal Trail 1** [6] north along *Grand Union Canal* towpath as far as *Dolphin Bridge* (# 186)
- **Go under bridge** and **back L** up access road to *Rockingham Road*
- **Cross bridge** and **turn R** into *Frays Way* to cross *Rockingham Recreation Ground* and emerge at the bottom end of *Wellington Road*
- **Turn L** (at the other end) to cross *Cowley Road* (A408) and *Trumper Way* (A4020) in quick succession before continuing **NE** to cross *Cross Street* (A4020)
- **Follow Windsor Road** to pedestrian precinct (*High Street*, near Uxbridge LTE station [7])

Total distance 16.0 kilometres (10.0 miles)

## Uxbridge to Pinner – 12.3 kilometres (7.7 miles)

- Start in Uxbridge pedestrian precinct (*High Street*, near LTE station [7])
- **Go N** along *High Street* across *Harefield Road* (B467) to *Fountains Mill* (straddling *Fray's River*)
- **Take riverside path** (opposite) indicated by sign bearing *Colne Valley Park's* Heron symbol
  - ❖ *The Middlesex Chronicle's* first editor drowned whilst swimming in this river – hard to believe now it is so shallow; presumably due to the mill falling into disuse
- Pass *The Alderlade* nature reserve (L) to reach a footbridge (R)
- **Cross the footbridge** and **turn S** along track to emerge in *Harefield Road* (B467)
- **Continue S** and **turn L** (opposite *Abrook Arms*) up *Colnedale Road* to *Uxbridge Common*
- **Skirt the common** along *North Common Road* to T-junction with *Park Road* (B483)
  - ❖ Notice the ski slope *Poma* lifts atop the artificial hill opposite
- **Take path** (slightly L of opposite) across sports field to meet and follow surfaced cycle/footway through plantation to cross *Western Avenue* (A40) (footbridge)
- **Continue opposite** to join and follow fence L to emerge in *Warren Road*
- **Turn R** to T-junction with *Woodstock Drive*
- **Turn R** and continue straight on into *Swakeleys Drive*
- **Turn L** on path along NW bank of (enlarged) *River Pinn*; **crossing it**, where it narrows, to **continue** along the opposite bank N to *Swakeleys Road* (B467) (gate)
  - ❖ This is slightly shorter than the original route
- **Cross road** and go through another gate onto one of the continuation paths opposite (either side of river)
- **Gain E bank** at bridge linking *Copthall Roads* (*East* and *West*) and **continue N** until you emerge from tunnel under railway embankment
  - ❖ By avoiding *Breakspear Road South* (W of here), this is both safer and shorter than the original route
- Do not cross bridge but **follow S bank** of *River Pinn* to emerge at corner of *Clack Lane*
  - ❖ Note flood relief works between the elevated path and the riverbed
  - ❖ The path keeps close to riverside instead of crossing golf course as indicated on OS maps
- **Turn N** and go straight ahead, at next corners, along river bank to bridge at S end of *Woodville Gardens*
- **Cross this** and follow *Hillingdon Trail* [8] NNW beside canal feeder ditch to emerge in *Ladygate Lane*
  - ❖ The canal feeder once carried water from the *Ruislip Lido* (constructed as a reservoir for this purpose in 1811 before being developed as a lido in 1933) to the *Grand Union Canal* on the *Hayes/Southall* border
- **Turn L** across *Cannonbrook* and **immediately R** along its W bank to cross *Howletts Lane*
- **Continue along either bank** to emerge in *Bury Street* (A4180)
- **Enter Park Wood** by entrance opposite path on SE bank of *Cannonbrook* and **turn immediately L** to meet fence around *Ruislip Lido*
- **Follow path beside fence** as far as *Woody Bay* (turnstile gate)
- **Turn R** along path ascending hill
- **Cross an E-W path** and then **the main E-W ride** to **turn E** (at an easily missed junction) along another path which descends, climbs and eventually emerges in the open
- **Bear R** to emerge at the east end of *Park Avenue*
- **Turn L** along *Elmbridge Drive* to meet the *River Pinn* again
- **Turn L** along its N bank; continuing beyond *Fore Street* to cross a footbridge and emerge in *Eastcote High Road* (B466)
- **Turn L** and enter grounds of *Eastcote House* by entrance on far side of mini roundabout at junction of *Field End Road*
- **Follow path N of the house** to re-emerge in *Eastcote High Road* (B466) where it crosses the *River Pinn*
- **Re-cross river** and **immediately turn R** along its N bank
- **Cross Cheney Street** and **continue along river bank** to cross footbridge and emerge in *Barnhill*
- **Turn L and L again** along a path to emerge in *Cranbourne Drive*
- **Follow this** to *West End Lane* and go N to *Pinner Memorial Park*
- **Turn R** into park (skirting the pond) and **continue straight through** to the *Chapel Lane* entrance
- **Continue** under railway bridge to emerge in *Bridge Street* (A404)
- **Turn R then L** into *Pinner High Street* (B463) (LTE station nearby)

Total distance 28.3 kilometres (17.7 miles)

## **Pinner to Stanmore – 8.9 kilometres (5.6 miles)**

- Start at **W** end of *Pinner High Street* (B463) (LTE station nearby)
- **Climb High Street** to Church
- **Turn R** along *Church Lane*
  - ❖ Notice strange memorial in graveyard
- **Turn L** along *Black Gates* (path) to emerge in *Moss Lane*
  - ❖ Recommended<sup>3</sup> digression – go **L** for 5 minutes to see 16th century farmhouses
- **Turn R then L** into *Wakehams Hill* to **pick up bridleway** on **L**
- Take in the view from the seat and **descend N** to cross *George V Avenue* (A4090)
- **Continue** (opposite) past *Pinner Park Farm* (view of *Harrow Hill* to **R**) on a concrete road and then a path to cross railway (footbridge) and emerge in *Chantry Place*
- **Go ahead** and **turn L** along *Letchford Terrace* to emerge in *Headstone Lane*
- **Go N** and **pick up Boniface Walk** (second **R** - alongside *Headstone Lane*) to take you round the corner alongside *Uxbridge Road* (A410)
- Transfer to *Uxbridge Road* (A410) when forced to do so and **continue** to **pick up path** on far side of roundabout
- **Follow this NE** to emerge on *Brookshill Drive* at *Copse Farm*
- **Follow Bentley Priory Circular Walk** [9] (well marked by yellow arrows) **N** along the track to emerge in *Old Redding*
  - ❖ Spectacular views over London can be enjoyed, in fine weather, from the garden of *The Case Is Altered* and the picnic area 200m (220 yds) **W**
- **Take track** (slightly **R** of opposite) **NNW** to **E** entrance to *Grims Dyke*
  - ❖ *Grims Dyke*, now a hotel, was the last home of W S Gilbert; the *Gilbert of Gilbert and Sullivan* fame. He died in an attempt to save a house-guest from the lake in the grounds
- **Follow path NE** parallel to edge of wood; crossing two streams before being told to turn **R** (by yellow waymark arrow)
- **Follow new path uphill** (one tree, near steps, way-marked with white band instead of usual yellow arrow) to emerge in *Common Road* (A409)
- **Take concrete path through gate opposite** to **go SE** and emerge into *Bentley Priory Open Space* through another gate
- **Continue L** along concrete path traversing weald below *Bentley Priory*; through a copse to *T-junction* with tarmac path ascending weald
- **Turn L** to emerge in *Priory Drive*
- **Follow this R then L** to emerge in *The Common* (A4140)
- **Take the opposite (L** of junction with *Warren Lane*) to cross a car park and emerge in *Warren Lane* opposite **NE** corner of cricket ground
- **Cross the road onto another path** slightly **L** of opposite and **continue S** between *Julius Caesar's Ponds*, with a sports field (150m [500'] *County Summit*) on your **L**, to a fork
- **Ignore the path branching R** and **continue to a T-junction** with that same path coming back from wherever it went
- **Turn L then R** to emerge at the top of an unmetalled road in the **NW** corner of *Little Common*
- **Bear L** alongside the trees and **make a beeline** (between two more ponds) to emerge in *Wood Lane* opposite the top of *Dennis Lane*
- **Follow Dennis Lane S** to a gate on the **L** 50m (55 yds) short of traffic width restriction
- **Enter Stanmore Country Park** by gate and **follow path** through belt of trees to way-marked junction
  - ❖ Notice *Springbok House*, now a nursing home, on your left
- **Go straight on**, past two confirmatory waymarks, to **cross a stream** and come to an unmarked junction
- **Take L fork uphill** (ignoring a small path to the **R** 100m [110 yds] before top)
- At top, **ignore major path to L** and **continue** to a skew (~35°) path crossing
- **Take R fork** to emerge at *T-junction* by substation (**R**) with fence and view beyond
- **Turn R** (downhill) to emerge (in 50m) into top of *Kerry Avenue*
- **Follow this down** to *Kerry Crescent* (opposite Stanmore LTE station)

Total distance 37.2 kilometres (23.3 miles)

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<sup>3</sup> Contributed by another *Middlesex Greenway* walker but yet TBC by me (more feedback like this always welcome)

## **Stanmore to Edgware - 5.4 kilometres (3.4 miles)**

- Start in *Kerry Crescent* (opposite Stanmore LTE station)
- **Go E** along service roads on N side of *London Road* (A410) to *Canons Corner* and straight on to roundabout at junction with *Edgware Way* (A41 - Watford By-Pass)
- **Take path** 50m (55 yds) L of opposite N to enter NW corner of cultivated field by stile
- **Cross to northern boundary ditch** 10m (11 yds) from corner and **cross into next by plank bridge** (not where shown on OS map)
- **Follow line of trees N** to cross another stile in corner of next field (not line shown on OS map)
- **Cross field NE** to opposite corner (initially out of sight) at bend in farm road
- **Follow this N** around a bend to the **E** (past *Bury Farm*) until it turns **S**
- Leave the metalled *Edgwarebury Lane* and **turn L** up *Clay Lane* which becomes impassable to cars as you round a corner to the **R**
- **Continue round a bend** back to the **L** until a path is seen going off **R (S)** in trees beyond the corner of a field on that side
- **Follow this path**, between the field and housing, to emerge in *Bushfield Crescent*
- **Turn L** and **follow it round** into *Kenilworth Road*
- Just beyond a trailing fork (**L** - *Fairmead Crescent*) **turn L** down a serpentine path through a grassed gap between the houses
- **Continue down**, beyond *Harcourt Avenue*, to cross *Fairmead Crescent* into *Stoneyfield Park*
- **Cross a footbridge** and **turn L** on an enclosed path, beneath railway and M1, to emerge at the **N** end of *Ellesmere Avenue*
- **Follow this S** and around the corner to emerge in *Barnet Way* (A1) (underpass for sensible pedestrians) just **N** of *Northway Circus*

Total distance 42.6 kilometres (26.6 miles)

## **Edgware to North Finchley - 6.4 kilometres (4.0 miles)**

- Start in *Barnet Way* (A1) (underpass for sensible pedestrians) just **N** of *Northway Circus*
- **Enter Marsh Lane** (A5 109) and **turn immediately R** into *Green Avenue*
- **Follow this L then R** to emerge in *Uphill Road*
- **Turn R** to emerge in *Lawrence Street*
- **Take path** 100m (110 yds) **L** of opposite to emerge opposite end of *Milton Road*
  - ❖ Notice *St Joseph's Missionary College* up on your **L**
- **Follow this E** to cross *Hammers Lane* (B1461) onto another path (opposite)
- **Climb path straight through** to emerge in *Wills Grove*
  - ❖ Notice the *Doric columns of Mill Hill School* on your **left**
- **Turn L then hard R** along *Mill Hill* village *High Street* to pond at **E** end
- **Skirt NW side of pond** and join *The Ridgeway* (B552) running **E**
- **Fork L** (just after *National Institute for Medical Research*) down *Burtonhole Lane*
- **Follow this downhill** until it becomes unmetalled and (400m [440 yds] further on) turns **S** up towards *Partingdale Lane*
- **Take the path on the L** just **N** of *Partingdale Lane* and **follow it E** to emerge in *Lullington Garth*
- **Follow this forward**, dropping down *Sussex Ring* towards *Frith Bridge* across *Dollis Brook* but **turning L**, just short of this, onto *Brookside Walk* through *Woodside Park*
- **Turn R** (after 200m [220 yds]) **across footbridge** and **climb** to emerge at corner of *Holden Road*
- **Go straight ahead** (under railway) to T-junction with *Gainsborough Road*
- **Turn L then R** along *Lodge Lane* to emerge in *North Finchley High Road* (A1000)

Total distance 49.0 kilometres (30.6 miles)

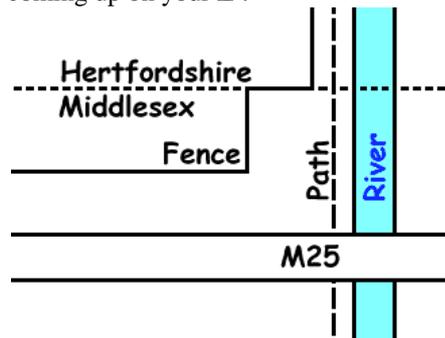
## **North Finchley to Enfield - 9.5 kilometres (5.9 miles)**

- Start in North Finchley *High Road* (A1000)
- **Go E** along *Torrington Park* to **enter SW corner of Friary Park** by gate (**L**)
- **Turn R** and skirt around dog exercise enclosure to **cross nearest footbridge**
- **Aim straight up** towards prominent statue of *King Edward VII* and emerge (through gate beyond) into *Friern Barnet Lane* (B550)
- **Turn L** (to bend) **then R** into *Manor Drive*
- At the corner of *Gresham Avenue* (**R**) **go ahead**, through gate, into *Bethune Park*
- **Follow main path E** to cricket pavilion and **turn SE** to meet *Beaconsfield Road* in far corner
- **Turn R** to emerge in *Friern Barnet Road* (A1003)
- **Turn L** to reach *Betstyle Circus*
- **Bear R** into *Bowes Road* (A1110) and **turn L** down *Arnos Road* (shortly beyond *Arnos Grove* LTE station)
- **Enter and directly cross Arnos Park** to emerge in *Morton Crescent*
- **Go straight on** up *Arnos Grove* to emerge in *The Green* (A1003)
- **Turn R then L** along *Southgate High Street* (A1004) for 250m (275 yds)
- **Turn R** along *Meadway*, **bear L** on *Bourne Avenue* and **turn R** into *Parkway* to emerge in *The Bourne* (A111)
- **Turn R then L** into *Grovelands Park*
- **Bear R** to boating lake and **follow path** along **NW** shore straight on to emerge, at opposite end of park, in *Church Hill*
- **Go straight across** up *Stone Hall Road* and **R** along *Houndsden Road*, *Hadley Way* and *Landra Gardens* to *Vera Avenue*
- **Turn R** (under railway - *Grange Park* BR station) along *The Grangeway* to emerge in *Old Park Ridings*
- **Turn L** (uphill) to bend in road with *Carrs Lane* on **R**
- **Go along Carrs Lane** to path on **L** in 50m
- **Turn L** and follow enclosed path downhill to cross bridge over *New River*
- **Turn L** and follow **E** bank of river (skirting *Town Park*) to emerge in *Church Street* (A110)

Total distance 9.5 kilometres (5.9 miles)

## Enfield to Ramme Marsh - 9.4 kilometres (5.9 miles)

- Start in *Church Street* (A110) (BR station nearby)
- **Cross to W side of road bridge** over *New River* and **take the tarmac path N** across the landscaped area to reach the **S** end of *River View* (riverside walkway)
- **Continue N** along the river bank, transferring from the **W** bank to the **E** bank and back again, until it turns to the **E** and a link path brings you out into *Parsonage Lane*
- **Take path** 20m (22 yds) **L** of opposite to emerge in *Manor Road*
- **Take path** 10m (11 yds) **L** of opposite (*Bellamy Road*) across *Halifax Road* to emerge in *Gordon Road*
- **Cross straight over** into *Heene Road* and follow it **N**, around the dog-leg where it becomes *Armfield Road*, to T-junction with *Lancaster Road*
- **Turn L then R** into *Browning Road* (**not Birkbeck Road**) and follow this uphill to emerge at the **SE** corner of *Hilly Fields Park*
- **Enter the park** (unfenced) and **follow the tarmac path** (parallel to *Browning Road*) down to the **NE** corner to emerge in *Clay Hill*
  - ❖ Slightly **R** of opposite is a notice board with a map of *Forty Hall, Whitewebbs* and *Hilly Field Parks* [10] to help you to get your bearings
- **Take the path** (immediately **R** of this) along the **L** edge of the recreation area until it crosses *Turkey Brook* by a footbridge
- **Continue along the NW bank** (ignoring a path turning off across a bridge to the **R**) until, after re-crossing the brook twice more, you come to a second path turning off **R**
- **Turn R, re-cross the brook a fourth time** and **follow it E**, past a pond on the other side of the path, until you come to open ground rising to your **R** (*Forty Hall* above)
- **Continue E** to within 20m (22 yds) of the road (bridge) and **cross the footbridge** to emerge in *Bull's Cross*
- **Turn R** (over bridge), **take tarmac path on L** where road bends **R** and follow this to emerge in *Great Cambridge Road* (A10)
- **Cross over** (footbridge) and **take path** slightly **L** of opposite to emerge (under railway) in *Winnington Road*
- **Turn R** and **then L** (in 200m [220 yds]) along *Longfield Avenue* to emerge in *Hertford Road* (A 1010)
- **Cross over**, slightly right of opposite, **through a gate** into *Albany Park*
- **Keep straight on** through a narrow section until, **through another gate**, it opens up into playing fields
- **Aim for the far L (NE) corner** to converge with *Prince of Wales Footpath* where it crosses the railway
- **Cross the bridge** and **continue E**, across *Newbury Avenue* and along an elevated walkway above *Small River Lea*, to emerge at the end of *Ordnance Road* at *Enfield Lock* on *River Lee Navigation*
  - ❖ Relatively extensive views on elevated walkway for a change
  - ❖ *Ordnance Road* is below river level, so climb lock steps onto elevated bank to see river
- **Follow W river bank N**, beyond the corner of *Ordnance Road* and another lock, to pass under M25
- Notice the industrial enclosure coming up on your **L** :-



- The Middlesex Greenway route ends where fence meets towpath on the County border at *Ramme Marsh*

Total distance 67.9kilometres (42.4 miles)

## Link to London Countryway - 0.6 kilometres (0.4 miles)

- Start at *Ramme Marsh*
- **Follow towpath N** to emerge at A121 where *Station Road* (**L**) becomes *Highbridge Street* (**R**)
  - ❖ *The London Countryway* [11] runs **E** and **N** from here
  - ❖ *Waltham Cross* BR station is nearby (**W** along *Station Road*)

# Public transport connections

## British Rail stations

(BR in route order)

Staines	(nearby)
West Drayton	(very close)
West Ruislip	(nearby)
Headstone Lane	(close)
New Southgate	(very close)
Grange Park	(close)
Enfield Chase	(nearby)
Enfield Town	(nearby)
Turkey Street	(nearby)
Enfield Lock	(nearby)
Waltham Cross	(nearby)

## London Underground stations

(TfL in route order)

Uxbridge	(very close)	Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines
West Ruislip	(nearby)	Central line and British Rail
Pinner	(very close)	Metropolitan line
Stanmore	(very close)	Jubilee line
Woodside Park	(close)	Northern line
Arnos Grove	(very close)	Piccadilly line

## London bus routes

(LTE in numerical order **as at February 1990**)

- **Regular daily services :-**  
29, 34, 81,  
107, 113, 116, 117, 121, 125, 134, 142,  
207, 216, 221, 222, 223, 231, 240, 242, 263, 282, 288, 290, 292, 298,  
307, 317, 340, 359,  
U1, U4, U5, W8
- **Restricted services :-**  
26, 82, 84A.,  
114, 128, 128A, 136, 183, 186, 191,  
203, 209, 211, 213, 217, 251, 258, 279, 279A,  
310A, 310B, 313, 318, 333,  
E2, H11, H12, H13, H16, K10, U2, U3, W2, W9
- **Night services :-**  
N13, N18, N21, N29, N89, N90, N92

## Country bus routes

(in numerical order **as at February 1990**)

- 58, 218, 250, 251, 305, 310, 316, 325, 347, 348, 350, 360, 383, 441, 443, 458,  
511, 518, 716, 719, 726

# Tourist Information Centres in Middlesex

(as at February 1990)

- **British Tourist Authority**<sup>4</sup>  
Thames Tower, Black's Road, Hammersmith, Middlesex, W6 9EL
- **British Travel Centre**  
12 Regent Street, Piccadilly Circus, London, SW1Y 4PQ  
Tel. 01-730 3400
- **Clerkenwell**  
Clerkenwell Heritage, Islington Visitor Centre,  
33-35 St John's Square, Islington, Middlesex, EC1M 4DN  
Tel. 01-250 1039
- **English Tourist Board**  
Thames Tower, Black's Road, Hammersmith, Middlesex, W6 9EL  
Tel. 01-846 9000
- **Harrods**<sup>5</sup>  
Knightsbridge, London, SW1  
Tel. 01-730 3488<sup>6</sup>
- **Harrow**  
Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HAS 2UH  
Tel. 01-863 5611 x2102/3
- **Heathrow Airport**  
Heathrow Terminals 1, 2, 3 and underground station concourse  
Tel. 01-730 3488<sup>6</sup>
- **Hillingdon**  
22 High Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1JN  
Tel. Uxbridge (0895) 50706
- London Visitor and Convention Bureau<sup>2</sup>  
26 Grosvenor Gardens, London, SW1 ODU
- **Selfridges**  
Oxford Street, London, W1  
Tel. 01-730 3488
- **Tower Hamlets**  
88 Roman Road, London, E2 OPG  
Tel. 01-980 3749/4831 x211
- **Tower of London**<sup>5</sup>  
West Gate, London, EC3  
Tel. 01-730 3429<sup>6</sup>
- **Twickenham**  
District Library, Garfield Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 3JS  
Tel. 01-892 0032
- **Victoria**<sup>5</sup>  
Victoria Station forecourt, London, SW1  
Tel. 01-730 3488<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Written enquiries only

<sup>5</sup> Written enquiries to London Visitor and Convention Bureau

<sup>6</sup> Telephone Information Service (automatic queuing system - please hold until receptionist answers)

# Useful addresses and telephone numbers

(as at February 1990)

- **Colne Valley Groundwork Trust**  
Denham Court, Village Road, Denham, Buckinghamshire, UB9 SBG  
Tel. Denham (0895) 832662
- **Countryside Commission** (South East Regional Office)  
30/32 Southampton Street, London, WC2E 7RA  
Tel. 01-240 2771
- **Green Line** (buses)  
Tel. 01-668 7261
- **London and Country** (buses)  
Tel. 01-668 7281
- **London Borough of Enfield**  
Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 3XJ  
Tel. 01-366 6565
- **London Borough of Harrow** (Leisure Services Division)  
Civic Centre, Harrow, Middlesex  
Tel. 01-863 5611 x2437
- **London Borough of Hillingdon**  
Civic Centre, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1UW  
Tel. Uxbridge (0895) 50111
- **London Buses** (A & P)  
FREEPOST, London, SW1H OYH  
Tel. 01-371 0247 (free timetables and local bus guides)
- **London Country North West** (buses)  
Tel. 0923 673121
- **London Underground Limited**  
55 Broadway, London, SW1H OBD  
Tel. 01-222 1234 (bus and underground travel information)

# Further reading

(as at February 1990)

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|------|--|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| [1]  | <i>A-Z MASTER ATLAS OF GREATER LONDON</i><br>Geographers' A-Z Map Company  | (edition 5C)<br>1988 | ISBN 0-85039-002-8 | £12.95         |
| [2]  | <i>A proposed riverside long distance route THE THAMES PATH from London to Gloucestershire</i><br>Countryside Commission |                      |                    | FREE           |
| [3]  | Douglas Rust<br><i>HARMONDSWORTH AND LONGFORD HISTORY TRAIL</i><br>London Borough of Hillingdon                          | 1983                 | publication 124    | 20p            |
| [4]  | <i>COLNE VALLEY CIRCULAR WALK 2. IVER</i><br>Colne Valley Park Groundwork Trust  |                      |                    | FREE           |
| [5]  | J E Clarke ALA<br><i>COWLEY HISTORY TRAIL</i><br>London Borough of Hillingdon  | 1983                 | publication 69     | 20p            |
| [6]  | Canal Locks Conservation Area Advisory Panel<br><i>CANAL TRAIL 1</i><br>London Borough of Hillingdon                     |                      |                    | FREE           |
| [7]  | Hillingdon Borough Libraries Local History Section<br><i>UXBRIDGE TOWN TRAIL</i><br>London Borough of Hillingdon         | 1981                 |                    | 10p            |
| [8]  | Leisure Services Department<br><i>HILLINGDON TRAIL - NORTHERN SECTION</i><br>London Borough of Hillingdon                | 1983                 |                    | 15p            |
| [9]  | Planning and Leisure Services Divisions<br><i>BENTLEY PRIORY CIRCULAR WALK</i><br>London Borough of Harrow               |                      |                    | FREE           |
| [10] | London Borough of Enfield<br><i>ENFIELD'S COUNTRYSIDE – where to go, what to do</i><br>London Borough of Enfield         | 1988                 | ISBN 0-9513751-0-5 | 70p (inc. p&p) |
| [11] | Keith Chesterton<br><i>A GUIDE TO THE LONDON COUNTRYWAY</i><br>Constable   | 1978                 | ISBN 0-09-461740-6 |                |